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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, MI

SUBJECT: GOM DENIES RUMORS OF INVOLVEMENT IN ATTACKS ON
NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

1. SINCE AFTERNOON MARCH 16 GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MALAWI
BROADCASTING CORPORATION HAS CARRIED FOLLOWING REPORT:
"GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI HAS DENIED RUMORS
TO THE EFFECT THAT AIRPLANES CARRYING DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT
ARRIVED IN MALAWI AND THAT MORE AIRPLANES ARE EXPECTED TO
LAND WITH THE PURPOSE OF ATTACKING A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALAWI EMPHATICALLY
DENIES THESE RUMORS. THEY ARE BLATANTLY FALSE AND TOTALLY
UNFOUNDED. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER
OF ALLOWING ANYBODY TO ATTACK ANY COUNTRY FROM MALAWI.
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THE RUMORS ARE RIDICULOUS, IF NOT CONTEMPTIBLE, IN THAT
THESE COUNTRIES ALLEGED TO BE PLANNING TO ATTACK ONE ANOTHER
HAVE COMMON BORDERS. THIS BEING THE CASE, WHY SHOULD THOSE
PLANNING TO ATTACK EACH OTHER DO SO FROM MALAWI? THESE
MALICIOUS RUMORS ARE CLEARLY MANUFACTURED AND DISSEMINATED
BY FRUSTRATED ENEMIES OF MALAWI TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM
THEIR OWN PROBLEMS. IT IS SURPRISING THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE

WHO DO NOT WANT TO KNOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI BELIEVES
IN PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH ALL HER NEIGHBORS. IN FACT,
OUR POLICY OF LIVE AND LET LIVE HAS BEEN STATED MANY TIMES,
INCLUDING AT THE OPENING OF THE CURRENT SESSION OF
PARLIAMENT. THEREFORE, THERE CAN BE NO TRUTH WHATSOEVER
IN THESE MALICIOUS, GROUNDLESS RUMORS."

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2. RADIO REPORT COMES IN WAKE OF CURRENT SESSION OF
PARLIAMENT LAUDING MALAWI'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH HER
NEIGHBORS.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT HEARD OF ANY SUCH "RUMORS" AND HAS NOT
BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION FROM LOCAL SOURCES. WE
BELIEVE "RUMORS" PROBABLY ORIGINATED IN RADIO BROADCAST
FROM NEIGHBORING OR NEARBY COUNTRY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
BEING INFORMED OF ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY BE ABLE
TO DEVELOP RE THIS MATTER.
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